

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
350 Capitol Hill Avenue
Reno, Nevada 89502 - (775) 688-1180

NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

TODAY'S DATE: November 17, 2005

MEETING TIME: December 5, 2005 @ 2:00 pm

Place: Mirage Hotel
3400 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Horticulture Complex Library
Las Vegas, NV 89109

MEETING TIME: December 6 & 7, 2005 @ 9:00 am

PLACE: Community Counseling Center
1120 Almond Tree Lane, Suite 207
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Don Henderson, Director

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon, but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending. Please note: the December 5, 2005 meeting will be held at the Mirage Hotel, 3400 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Horticulture Complex Library, Las Vegas, NV 89109 and meetings for December 6 & 7, 2005 will be held at the Community Counseling Center, 1120 Almond Tree Lane, Suite 207, Las Vegas, NV 89104.

Call to Order by Chairman Benny Romero

1. Board Business

A. *Approval of minutes (Foley) (ACTION)

B. *Goals & objectives (INFORMATION)

C. Special reports

1. Board training on State requirements relating to harassment and discrimination conducted by Gina Session, Senior Deputy Attorney

General. (INFORMATION)

2. Overview and review of environmental programs administered by the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Presentation provided by Charles Moses, Environmental Scientist IV. (INFORMATION)

D. Board subcommittee meeting to review existing short-term objectives and to develop recommendations of any needed revisions or updates. (ACTION)

E. Board to act upon recommendations for updating the Board's short-term objectives. (ACTION)

F. Annual evaluation of the Director Don Henderson (ACTION)

G. Discussion and policy development regarding NRS 562.170; deposit of tax in State Sheep Inspection Account, and NRS 567.110; levy of annual special tax; maximum rate; designation as tax for control of predatory animals; notice to State Department of Agriculture. (Gimlin) (INFORMATION)

H. *Request to disburse monies pursuant to NRS 562.170 and NRS. 567.110 to Woolgrower's Association and Predatory Animal and Rodent Control. (Satterthwaite) (ACTION)

2. Director's Report (Henderson)

A. Summary and overview of Department activities. (INFORMATION)

- *Status report on updating Department's Administrative Policy Manual
- New directions for Department activity report.
- Agency involvement in Homeland Security initiatives.
- Update on Department activities relating to natural resource management and environmental regulations.

B. *Review of Department progress on short-term Board objectives. (INFORMATION)

3. Division of Administration (Gimlin)

A. Update on the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) audit. (INFORMATION)

B. Update on sexual harassment/discrimination prevention training. (INFORMATION)

C. Update on the Nevada Employee Action and Timekeeping System (NEATS) rollout. (INFORMATION)

4. Division of Animal Industry (Thain) (INFORMATION)

A. Animal Disease Update

1. Bovine Tuberculosis
2. *West Nile Virus
3. *National BSE surveillance
4. Johnes Disease
5. *Trichomonosis-draft regulations

Proposed new addition to NAC 571 regarding Trichomonosis testing requirements.
6. *Scrapie-draft regulations

Proposed changes to NAC 571 regarding Scrapie regulations.
7. *Avian Influenza
- B. *Nevada Premise Registration for Animal ID. (Pecetti) (**INFORMATION**)
- C. Animal Disease and Food Safety Laboratory. (Thain) (**INFORMATION**)
5. **Division of Resource Protection** (Jensen) (**INFORMATION**)
 - A. Budget update.
6. **Division of Measurement Standards** (Grabski) (**INFORMATION**)
 - A. *Memo from Alan Rodgers, Emission Technician II, Department of Motor Vehicles to Steve Grabski.
 - B. *Quarterly activity report:
 - Measurement Standards Licensing and Payment program
 - Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
 - Desert Research Institute (DRI) agreement
 - Equipment purchases
 - C. *Proposal from the Desert Research Institute to the Department of Agriculture regarding a volatility schedule along the 38° latitude.
7. **Division of Livestock Identification** (Connelley)
 - A. Program update (**INFORMATION**)
 - Progress report on new building
 - Enforcement statistics
 - Recent industry meetings
 - B. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 573 to establish a current fee for licensing public auctions. (**ACTION**)

- C. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 576 to adjust the fees for licensing Livestock and Farm Products Dealers, Brokers, Commission Merchants, Buyers and Agents. **(ACTION)**
- D. *Request to go to workshop and hearing to amend NAC 565 to bring the language up to date with current operations and nomenclature. To change fee structure and amounts for brand inspections. To change fees charged For Extraordinary Permits. **(ACTION)**

8. **Division of Plant Industry** (O'Brien)

- A. *Strychnine field test report. **(INFORMATION)**
- B. *Plant pathology 2005 laboratory summary. (Wang) **(INFORMATION)**
- C. *Request permission to conduct a workshop and hearings to add the following invasive plants to the state noxious weed list:
(Mudd) **(ACTION)**
 - Arundo donax (Category A)
 - Cirsium vulgare (Bull Thistle) (Category C or B)
 - Brassica tournefortii (Sahara Mustard) (Category A)
 - Leucanthemum vulgare (Ox Eye Daisy) (Category A)
- D. Update on Cooperative Weed Management Area. (Mudd) **(INFORMATION)**
- E. Update on Weed Free Forage end of season. (Mudd) **(INFORMATION)**
- F. Discuss need for and current status of weed map and mapping position.
(Mudd) **(INFORMATION)**
- G. *Las Vegas Office report. (Smigel) **(INFORMATION)**
- H. *EPA 4th quarter report. (Moses) **(INFORMATION)**
- I. *The Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board request approval to spend up to \$12,000 for on-farm fertility research trials in conjunction with Simplot. Money will pay for mapping, use of Simplot's fertility equipment, etc. (Cross) **(ACTION)**
- J. *The Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board requests the reappointment of Board members Walter Brinkerhoff (Pershing County), Dan Hetrick (Humboldt County), Alan List (Humboldt and Pershing Counties) and Rod Diede Dealer Representative) for the period 12/06/2005 to 11/30/2007. (Cross) **(ACTION)**
- K. *The Garlic and Onion Board requests the appointment of Lera Masini to Garlic and Onion Board replacing former member Mike Stewart.
(Cross) **(ACTION)**
- L. *The Garlic and Onion Board requests to spend up to \$1,000, if necessary, toward attaining a Section 18 registration for a new insecticide (Success - Dow Chemical) for thrip control. (Cross) **(ACTION)**

9. Public Comments **(INFORMATION)**

10. Travel Claims and Salary (**INFORMATION**)
11. Date of Next Meeting (**ACTION**)
12. Adjournment (**ACTION**)

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 688-1180, Ext. 230 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(* denotes supporting documents in the board packet)

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. **Chairman Benny Romero has requested very brief reports.** Please ensure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the Board to review.

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